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SUBJECT: KOREAN DIPLOMATS IN VIETNAM

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH MOFA SE ASIA DIV.
CHIEF CHONG CHANG. CHONG SAID KOREAN DIPLOMATS IN SAIGON JAIL HAD
BEEN EXCHANGING NOTES WITH FAMILIES IN KOREA VIA YI SUNG HUN, PRESI-
DENT OF KOREAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION OF SAIGON, SINCE SEPTEMBER
15, 1976. HE SAID YI PASSED NOTES BACK TO KOREA EITHER THROUGH
FRENCH CONSULATE OR THROUGH DEPARTING KOREAN REFUGEES. CHONG
SAID CORRESPONDENCE HAD CHANGED HANDS 17 TIMES SINCE SEPT. 1976
BUT THAT LAST CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROK DIPLOMATS IN SAIGON HAD
COME OUT IN JULY 1977 AND LAST FROM FAMILIES IN ROK WAS IN OCT
1977. HE SAID FAMILIES IN KOREA SEND FOOD AND OTHER PACKAGES AND
CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROK DIPLOMATS INDICATE THEY HAVE RECEIVED THESE.

2. CHONG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CONTINUED US EFFORT TO
SECURE RELEASE OF DIPLOMATS AND APPEARED DISAPPOINTED THAT VEIT-
NAMESE WERE UNWILLING TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT.
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